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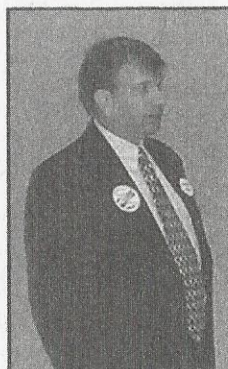
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The vitality of the Libertarian Party of Colorado was evident at the 2004 convention. By the end of the candidate nomination process, the party had a slate of 32 candidates, most of whom intend to campaign actively. With the help of Campaigns Director Michael McKinzie and LP notaries Samantha Kelly and Laura Smith, the necessary paperwork was completed, notarized and ready for filing by the end of the convention. Thankfully however, the convention consisted of more than synchronized notarizing.



LP Presidential
Candidate Michael
Badnarik

The convention took place in beautiful Estes Park over the weekend of May 21-23 and included protracted suite parties, instructive seminars, political proselytizing, costume contests, and ballroom dancing. Beginning on Friday night with the comedy of Dave Mitchell, the music of Katie Nichols and a Pajama Party, the convention celebrated activism and recognized the birth and growth of affiliates. On Saturday morning, radio personality "Uncle Nasty," host of the eponymous show on 106.7 KPBI, kicked off the convention with his keynote speech. Uncle Nasty has provided a platform for Libertarian ideas and candidates, and his in-your-face style reflected the desire of attendees to promote the LP aggressively as this campaign season accelerates.

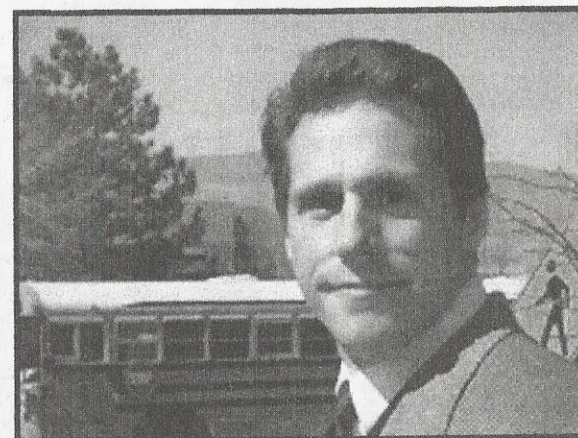
Attendees had the opportunity to hear Gary Nolan and Michael Badnarik, who were pursuing the party's nomination for presidential candidate. There were also panels on home schooling, battling eminent domain, building party membership, running for office, understanding the tax code, and cutting taxes.



Saturday Banquet

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JOE JOHNSON WINS!



LPCO activist Joe Johnson ran for and won a seat on the Frederick Board of Trustees. He received half of all votes cast in a field of eight candidates! His Campaign Treasurer Frank Atwood credits bringing statewide resources to bear on a local campaign for Johnson's success.

WEBLOG

<http://lpcolorado.blogs.com/>

Severin Schneider from Arapahoe County is moderating the Libertarian Party of Colorado's own blog site. Severin adds new articles almost daily, and invites you to join in the commentary!

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

by Norm Olsen

In recent weeks, some pessimists suggested that the Libertarian Party was dead. The pessimists suggested that the nomination of a candidate who did not meet their standards of Libertarian purity indicated that the Libertarian Party had lost all sense of principle, and that we are all: Libertarians In Name Only.

What hogwash! In the 2000 election cycle, we managed to place 84 Libertarians on the ballot. This was a team effort lead by Joe Johnson. One of the leading pessimists was a very active member of the team. At that time, anyone on the registered Libertarian list who answered their phone was qualified to be a Libertarian candidate. The result included one individual who wanted the American Disabilities Act expanded and another who supported the war on drugs. Who knows what sorts of other Libertarian impurities lurked inside the other 82 candidates that were nominated that I am unaware of.

Yet, the Party did not die in 2000. In fact, that election cycle produced the greatest victory for our Party since Judd Ptak and his team convinced the legislature that ballot access for minor parties was a good idea. The media which used to ignore us now call us; regularly! Voter Guides, Candidate Forums, Election Reviews; all routinely include all minor party candidates, including Libertarians. I got invited to so many events last time around, I had to decline a couple. Yes, we had several, perhaps many, impure Libertarians on the 2000 ballot. No, the Party did not die.

What does severely jeopardize the party future health prospects is The incredible propensity Libertarians have for fighting amongst ourselves; publicly criticizing our own; even actively propagating the criticism of Libertarians by non-Libertarians. How are we going to attract new individuals to our cause if they know that failing to meet the standards of the self appointed Lord High Minister of Libertarian Purity will subject them to vicious public attacks? How are we going to get good leaders to administer the Party affairs if people know that volunteering to serve as a party officer is like painting a target on your backside?

The Party remains alive and in acceptable health due to the dedicated work of several individuals. All of these individuals are volunteers with the best of intentions. If anyone considers the results produced by the efforts of these individuals to be lacking, for God sake, they need to call and volunteer to help. If the pessimists had bothered to ask, or attend so much as a single Board of Directors meeting, they would know of the several difficult problems these volunteers are dealing with and the constraints under which they must seek solutions. Despite some significant problems and severe constraints, the party is growing. Between April 2003 and April 2004, the Libertarian Party of Colorado grew at a faster percentage rate than any other party in the state.

We will continue to grow, but only if we stop fighting each other and start helping each other. We will continue to grow, but only if we stop ridiculing each other and start cheering each other on. So while we indulge in heated debate over the many political issues, please remember that a political party is a team effort. We need to all pull in the same direction if we are to succeed in moving the political landscape. The actual direction in which we pull will vary from time to time, but we must all pull in that direction or all effort (and lots of time) are wasted. If you wish to influence the specific direction in which we all pull: VOLUNTEER!



Jim Maiden, Randal O'Toole and Judd Ptak
with a May 6 multimedia presentation
against Light Rail.

See: <http://i2i.org/cad.aspx>

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"Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature,
nor do the children of men as a whole experience it.

Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright
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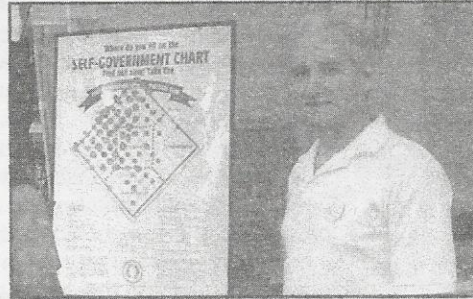


Mike Kien, Trustee for the Town of Oak Creek, Colorado and Libertarian candidate for Routt County Commissioner, District 1, filed the official "Acceptance of designation/nomination" form at the Routt County Courthouse, Routt County Clerk and Records office, Steamboat Springs, CO on June 3rd, 2004 at 2pm. Kien hand delivers his paperwork to Vicki Weber, Elections Deputy, Routt County Clerk and Records Office.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. - Thomas Jefferson

OUTREACH AD ANNOUNCEMENT

The Denver LP reached out to more than 50,000 Denverites in early April by running the World's Smallest Political Quiz in three small local newspapers - La Voz (Hispanic 20,000), North Denver Tribune (30,000), and The Metropolitan (Auraria Campus 4500). All ads were two columns by 7 or 8 in. The Advocates for Self-Government designed the ad. Based on a survey done several years ago, about 16 percent of the



people who take the quiz score in the libertarian section. The ads were funded by major donations from Michelle Poague, David Aitken, and a significant discount from the North Denver Tribune.

Many members of the Denver LP also contributed. If you would like to run this ad (several versions available) in your local paper, contact David Aitken, 303-831-4334 daitken@tde.com. Distributed in pdf format without contact information, which you can add.

FIRST BUS BENCH AD IN PLACE

by Jim Frye



After an initial design contest, selection, graphics printing and contract, the first Libertarian bus bench ad was placed in Denver at Colorado Blvd. and Louisiana Ave. during the week of May 24th.

Contest winners included Tom Costello and Dae Knight. Michele Poague helped to arrange the cruise vacation packages for the winners.

A list of all the submitted entries can be viewed at: www.fanshier.com/lpcO/tha_week/20040308/bus-bench/index.htm

The bus bench ad at Colorado and Louisiana will run for 8 months, through January 2005.

The Outreach committee is currently working with the Jefferson County affiliate to place an ad in Lakewood at South Wadsworth Blvd. and Coal Mine Ave. We anticipate that this ad will be in place by June 30th. Plans to place an ad in the Boulder county area are also underway. The Outreach committee will contact other affiliates in the future to determine their interest in placing an ad in their area.

Less Government... MORE SENSE

LIBERTARIAN PARTY FOR COLORADO

1-800-ELECT-US LPColorado.org

This logo is available to all candidates running in the fall election

high during this campaign season. Bus bench rental is running \$50 per month, so if you would like to contribute to this effort, please mail a check payable to:

Libertarian Party of Colorado
1425 Brentwood Street Unit 18
Lakewood, CO 80214

In the subject line of the check, note that this is for the bus bench ad campaign.

More pictures can be seen at:

www.fanshier.com/lpcO/tha_week/20040517/

The LPCO has created a specific bus bench ad account to fund the placement of these ads.

We are seeking 1000 additional dollars before August to keep the Libertarian profile



The first bus bench ad at the NE corner of Colorado and Louisiana, Denver.

LPCO RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL LP

By Norm Olsen, LPCO State Chair

From time to time, the following information bears repeating for new members. Colorado is a part of what is known as the Unified Membership Program (UMP). Currently, we are a participant in what is called UMP-I as there is a new program referred to as UMP-II. Unified Membership means that there is one membership transaction, and as a result members become members of both the National Party and the State Party at the same time. It works this way:

1. The National Party will send you a renewal notice and a membership card. Included will be a ubiquitous request for money.
2. The minimum membership fee is \$25 per year. Of course, you can contribute as much as you want up to the legal maximum (\$2,500 I believe).
3. This single dues payment makes you a member of the National Party and the State party.
4. As a member of the National Party, you will receive the national newsletter, a very fine publication, every month.
5. As a member of the State Party, you will receive the State newsletter, currently scheduled for quarterly publication.
6. The State receives a portion of your membership dues; approximately \$1 per month per national member who resides in our state given the \$25 annual dues minimum.
7. The State receives a less generous portion of any amount contributed to National over the minimum dues amount.
8. National takes care of all record keeping, sending renewal letters, processing checks and credit card submissions, and updating the database. A time consuming task which we [i.e. the Board members] appreciate not having on our fairly crowded "to do" lists.

Thus, when requested by the National organization, we request that you comply with their request to renew your membership. Note that National will retain a substantial portion of any contribution over the \$25 minimum. If your intent is to contribute to National, then there is no problem. If your intent is to contribute to the activities of the State party, it is best to send the contribution directly to the State party at its new party headquarters. (1425 Brentwood Street, Unit 18, Lakewood, CO 80214). You can contribute directly to the State party using your credit card from our web site: www.lpcolorado.org.

Thanks in advance.

The above applies to dues paying members. Citizens of Colorado who declare

their party affiliation as Libertarian when registering to vote, are automatically "non-dues" paying members of the State Party. Non-dues paying members are eligible to be nominated by the party as candidates in the primary and general elections; and are eligible to vote at our party convention. They do not receive the monthly National newsletter. According to the current policy of the State party, non-dues paying members will only receive one issue (the pre-election issue) of the State newsletter.

If you are not a dues paying member, please consider becoming one; call (800) ELECTUS or surf on over to www.lp.org. You will begin receiving the National newsletter immediately and the State newsletter in a few months. You will also increase our monthly income, helping us to grow the party, and the cause of liberty for our progeny.



Gorman is a hit! His table during the convention. End the Drug War!

LP SUPPORTS HINCHEY-ROHRBACHER AMENDMENT: HOW DEA RAIDS ON CAREGIVERS AFFECTED A QUADRIPLAGIC

by Desiree Hickson, LPCO Media Director

Denver, CO-Micah is a quadriplegic: a man in his mid-thirties who has many years of life ahead of him. Two weeks ago, in an example of vast inhumanity, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) raided the home of a "state permitted" caregiver providing medical marijuana, taking away the most effective medicine that many patients have. That story is tragic enough, but this story is about one patient: Micah Moffett.

Imagine sitting quietly in your wheelchair as your diaphragm spasms so that you can't breathe. The marijuana relaxes the diaphragm, making it easier for Micah to do what almost all of us take for granted: breathe.

Imagine that your hands always feel cold but that you can't rub them together because you don't have control of your hands. Yes, the medical marijuana makes that more bearable too. too.

Imagine feeling so depressed that you don't want to eat, even though your weight drops to dangerously unhealthy levels. Medical marijuana improves Micah's appetite so that he can live and helping him want to live.

Just imagine any one of these things and you would instantly say that Micah Moffett deserves to inhale marijuana if it makes him feel better.

But you can't imagine it, and neither can I.

Mornings are the worst for Micah. Federally legal painkillers take time to start working, but his illegal medicine works almost instantly. Micah must also dwell on the fact that the legal painkillers will slowly destroy his liver. It also helps with his muscle spasms, constant shoulder pain due to arthritis and the phantom pain.

Micah has an active mind that cannot help but dwell on his current situation. The medical marijuana is much more effective than the mood elevators his doctors prescribe.

With the marijuana, Micah doesn't need much of the other expensive medication; medication that makes him defecate without his knowledge. Micah's doctors are unable to find a medication that works as well as marijuana.

Even though Colorado law makes medical marijuana legal (as far as Colorado is concerned) Micah's doctors won't prescribe marijuana because they are afraid of the federal DEA menace.

As a society shouldn't we support Micah's extreme need to alleviate his horrific pain? Or do we concur with the DEA that Micah's needless pain is preferable to his use of marijuana on a medical basis?

The Libertarian Party of Colorado urges your news affiliate to report on, promote and support the Hinchey-Rohrabacher amendment.

Last July, 152 members of the U.S. House of Representatives voted for the Hinchey-Rohrabacher amendment, which would deny the U.S. Department of Justice funds to raid, arrest, prosecute, and imprison medical marijuana patients and providers. The Libertarian Party of Colorado is currently working in conjunction with the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP) in building grassroots support for the amendment so that a majority of U.S. representatives will vote for it this year.

"It is time to end the federal interference in state medical marijuana laws," said Richard Randall, Legislative Director for the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

"It is time to end the immoral persecution of Micah Moffett, a man who has done nothing wrong but whose unimaginable suffering is something that we, as a society, can stop."

RAND FANSHIER ANNOUNCES BID FOR COLORADO HOUSE DISTRICT 13

District includes Clear Creek, Gilpin, and West Boulder County.
Statement from Rand:



I believe that America is great, but not because of government. America is great because for most of her history, her people were self-reliant and their efforts were not taxed or regulated away. America is great because her people were free! Now close your eyes, and imagine tomorrow waking up, free to do today anything you want as long as it doesn't take away anyone else's right to do the same. You don't have to ask permission!

This is my vision for us in Colorado. For Me, It's Personal.

Colorado is one of the last great Free States, with an attitude of liberty as it was understood by America's founding fathers. That's why I moved here, years ago. But what I discovered is that native Coloradans don't seem to have a good defense against big government types that are moving in from the East and West coasts. That's why I am running for government office. I'll fight those who want to control you, and make sure government is the very smallest part of our lives. Let's return to the spirit of the old West! Or at least let's return to the constitutionally limited government designed by America's founding fathers.

WHAT LIBERTARIANS LIKE ME BELIEVE:

**THE CORE PRINCIPLE - INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM
 NEVER FORCE ANOTHER PERSON TO YOUR WILL
 GUIDELINES FOR RESTORING INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM:**

Freedom must be given in order to be received. Pay your own way, and right your own wrongs. Individual liberty demands personal responsibility. Possession of a thing is never a crime. Until emancipated, your children are yours to raise. Regulation of trade between adults is unacceptable. Government taxes on property are unacceptable. Government taxes on income are unacceptable. Donations and usage fees pay for common services. Restitution before punishment. Persuasion instead of coercion.

As a State Representative I will vote in accordance with the libertarian principle of individual freedom. The voters can expect me to influence the State Assembly in a libertarian direction by being the tie-breaker in matters of public policy. This will allow me to wield greater influence than might be expected from a minority party in the Colorado House of Representatives.

As the election year proceeds, I will be writing a series of articles to explain and de-mystify our government, how it works, how it derives revenue, and how the money is spent. I will focus on ways to reduce the size, scope and reach of the government. These articles will be available at my web page www.randfreedom.org and free for publication by state and local media.

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COLORADO LP ANNOUNCES CANDIDATES FOR NOV 2004 ELECTION

By Desiree Hickson, LPCO Media Director

DENVER, CO-The Libertarian Party of Colorado held its annual Convention in Estes Park, CO May 21-23, 2004. On Sunday, May 23, members of the Libertarian Party in Colorado voted for qualified candidates to run on the Libertarian ticket in the November

2004 election. 27 candidates are currently slated to run on the Libertarian Party ticket in November: (More to be announced in a future release) * = Pending

U.S. President: Michael Badnarik (L)

U.S. VP: Richard Campagna (L)

U.S. House of Representatives:

House District 2: Norm Olsen (L)

House District 5 Rob Roberts*

University of Colorado Regents

CU Regent-District 4: Dan Cochran (L)

CU Regent-At Large: Daniel Ong (L)

Colorado Senate

Senate-District 12: Rob Herzfeld (L)

Senate-District 14: Mark Brophy (L)

Senate-District 17: Dwight K. Harding (L)

Senate-District 17: Bo Shaffer (L)

Senate District 35 Kathleen Pierce

Colorado House of Representatives

House-District 6: Jeff Taton (L)

House-District 13: Rand Fanshier (L)

House District 15 Shawn Horen*

House District 16 Scott Graves*

House District 17 Jessica Wheeler*

House District 18 Keith Hamburger*

House District 20 Doug Jones*

House-District 23: Michael McKinzie (L)

House-District 24: Shawn Elke Glazer (L)

House-District 26: Doug Anderson (L)

House-District 37: Travis Nicks (L)

House-District 38: Frank Atwood (L)

House-District 41: Douglas F. Newman (L)

House-District 42: Randall Phelps (L)

House District 45 Steve Lechner*

House-District 49: Alberto Squassabia (L)

House-District 52: Jassen Bowman

House-District 60: Roger Easley (L)

House-District 61: Dale Reed (L)

Boulder County

Commissioner-District 1: Jeff Christen-Mitchell (L)

Commissioner-District 2: Paul Tiger (L)

Jefferson County Commissioner-District 1: Steve Gallant (L)

Routt County Commissioner District 1 Mike Kien

Saguache County Commissioner-District 1: John Wetherell (L)

Weld County Commissioner-District 3: Bruce Eckhart (L)

City Council: Cortez Richard Lippard*

When asked to comment about the current slate of Libertarian candidates running for office in Colorado, Michael McKinzie, LPCO Campaigns Director, issued this statement: "The LPCO is attracting serious, viable candidates for public office. The LPCO Campaigns team is building an efficient structure to assist our candidates in their campaigns. As the Libertarian Party grows in size, we will eclipse all other third parties in efficiency and voter totals.

The Libertarian Party of Colorado is proud to announce this slate of candidates. As the fastest growing "third party" in U.S., the Libertarian party is dedicated to offering the voters of Colorado real choices besides the candidates of the two "major" parties.

The Libertarian Party is the only party offering Colorado the chance to vote for smaller government and more personal responsibility. It is the only party that is offering real choices for voters in the state of Colorado.

Ninety-eight percent of the adults in this country are decent, hardworking, honest Americans. It's the other lousy two percent that get all the publicity. But then, we elected them - Lily Tomlin

AMERICA: A NATION OF PRISONERS

by Deb Hamm

The Dept. of Justice released the latest figures on American prisons. *The US has jailed 2.1 million people!* "America the Gulag Nation" (Salon.com 5/28) reprinted 6/04 by Jail4Judges.org, stated that prisons represent our 35th largest state.

Facts from the Sentencing Project (CA): Crime rates have been declining since 1990, but prison populations have risen by 49% during this time. America imprisons citizens approx. 600% higher than China or Canada - the largest jailer on earth! But we're a free society... right? African Americans are nine times more likely to be imprisoned than in 1954, yet their population has only doubled. Most of these incarcerations result from punitive and racist laws that criminalize non-violent behavior. With the "three strikes" law (CA) 57% are now imprisoned for non-violent offenses.

"The Prison Industry is America's most thriving business (aside from GM). Businesses, making billions catering to this industry, are judges, prosecutors, clerks, attorneys, law enforcement officers, food & transportation industries, prison guards, gun manufacturers and construction contractors." Add to this the fact that prisoners manufacture goods and provide services and, most likely, get "paid" pennies on the dollar and do not pay taxes for this "slave" labor. Prisoners make electronics, furniture, clothes, phone answering/solicitation services, etc (do they still make license plates?).

The Federal government MUST, by law, purchase from the prison industry (CRS 17-24111(1) (a) requires all State agencies to purchase office furniture from the Division of Corrections). The federal government is the largest employer in the US.

"There is no way to rule innocent men. The only power government has is the power to crack down on criminals. When there aren't enough criminals, one makes them. One declares so many things to be a crime that it becomes impossible for men to live without breaking laws" - Ayn Rand

The more laws that are passed, the more outlaws we create. The more prisons we build the more prisoners we will have. If you build it, they will come. Empty beds are lost revenue for this huge growth industry. Murderers and thieves are let loose when prisons are "overstocked", while keeping pot smokers locked up. These habitual criminals keep the public fearful and willing to hand over money to "get them off the street", a never-ending cycle of lies.

We should ask those who support building more prisons if they have a conflict of

interest, stock interest. Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition (www.ccjrc.org): "A 'private prison', is a for-profit corporation which owns and operates correctional facilities. Many are publicly traded, including the Industry leaders: Corrections Corporation of America (NYSE: CXW) and Wackenhut (NYSE: WHC)." Wackenhut built its first prison in Aurora for the INS. They want to expand. Corrections Corp. of America wants to build a facility in Adams County. Emerald Corrections, from Louisiana, submitted a proposal to build in Aurora... it was denied. More CCJRC facts: * Colorado has five for-profit adult prisons. * 19,000 people are under correctional supervision, 528% jump in 24 yrs; not including county jails, parole, or probation. * Since 1990 CO has built 12 new prisons. * 13% of all state employees work for DOC * Declining use of parole on Owens' watch. * Female incarceration has increased at twice the rate of males.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons expects to expand the federal correctional complex in Florence to make it a "super prison for terrorists". BOP requested \$23M to build up to 24 "super secure" cells for convicted terrorists. Take heed... Many Libertarians may be listed as "terrorists". Just how many "terrorists" do they expect to find? Will Co become another Guantanamo?

If we end the drug war and release all non-violent victimless "criminals", suddenly prisons will have thousands of beds for *real* criminals, now in "serious" decline. But this isn't likely to happen when there are billions to be made!

"Crime is big business, that's why. In fact, crime is government's biggest industry... It really isn't all that odd when you consider that the State derives revenue on both sides of the law. Remember, all those licenses and permits you are required to obtain are accompanied by fees. While on the flip side, every breach of the never-ending, self-perpetuating, always-growing bureaucracy carries a fine. You are forced to pay in order to abide by the law so you can avoid having to pay for breaking the law." - R. Lee Wrights, of Free-Market.Net. We must not build more prisons. None!

THE ONDCP COMES TO TOWN by Norm Olsen

On April 8, the Office of National Drug Control Policy came to town. They invited all sorts of folk to hear their message, and and three other Libertarians (Frank Atwood, Bo Schaffer, and Paul Tiger accepted their offer. The meeting was a bit

of a shock to us all; and a reminder about what we Libertarians are all about.

As it turns out, the purpose of the lavish event was to convince local school administrators that they should establish an SDT program: Student Drug Testing program. The SDT programs advocated would test students randomly selected from the entire student body, not just athletes. The purpose of the tests would be to deter drug use, and identify those who needed assistance in dealing with a drug problem.

Most of the morning session was devoted to convincing the attendees that such a program would reduce drug usage among the high school students. The evidence presented was rather weak, but presented in a compelling manner. Censorship of all questions was justified as "making sure the questions got to the proper person for answering".

The afternoon sessions were devoted to explaining how to legally justify the SDT program, and how to implement and administer a SDT program in such a way as to avoid the pitfalls, legal and otherwise, which may become obstacles.

The program was lavish (supported by federal tax dollars of course) and very one sided. Speakers from several different parts of the country were brought in, and all handouts were printed in color on top notch paper. There was not a single presentation which would suggest that there were any negative side effects to the proposed SDT programs.

The presenters went to great lengths to assure the attendee's that information obtained from the drug tests would never reach the police or other law enforcement agencies. They assured the participant that a student's records concerning drug tests would be destroyed when the student graduates from the school. For some reason, I remained skeptical of these claims. This event was an excellent example of the federal government using our tax dollars to propagandize it's perception of how we are to run our local schools, how we are to treat Our school aged children, and the environment in which we are to subject our children to for 13 years. Surely it won't be long before SDT programs become requirement for a school district to receive federal funds. It will not be long before the only way to avoid the SDT program is to home school, assuming that they don't succeed in making that illegal as well.

Every decent man is ashamed of the government he lives under -
HL Mencken

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The convention's theme, "The Face of Liberty," was a central



Michele Poague, Elisabeth Johnson

message of the awards luncheon, where it was emphasized that, like the honorees, each of us can represent the face of liberty. David Aitken won the Judd Ptak Award for his tireless work on the party's behalf. The MinuteMan medal, given

in recognition for outstanding contributions to the party in the last year, was awarded to the following: Rand Fanshier, Travis Nicks, Joe Johnson, Frank Atwood, Isaac Davenport, Rick Randall, Apryl Carlson, Tom Parker, Eva Kosinski, Ralph Schnelvar, Doug Anderson, Michele Poague, Severin Schneider and Chris Leinster.

Acknowledged for their affiliate building work were Chris Leinster of the Denver County affiliate, Severin Schneider of the Arapahoe County affiliate and Jim Maiden of the Adams County affiliate.

City Council candidate Eva Kosinski, Arapahoe County Clerk candidate Travis Nicks, and Frederick Trustee Candidate Joe Johnson were all praised for their campaign efforts. Johnson was successful in his bid and Nicks won two precincts in the Arapahoe County race. Apryl Carlson, Rick Randall and Doug Anderson were all honored for their contributions to the Johnson and Nicks campaigns.

Local issue campaigns also drew accolades. Mike Humbert was praised for spearheading the Food Tax Repeal effort in Montrose. Frank Atwood was honored for organizing the successful Littleton grocery tax repeal campaign. Ralph Schnelvar was acknowledged for his work on the Nicks campaign, the Arapahoe County recall petition, the grocery tax repeal, phone blasting and lobbying at the capitol.

On Sunday afternoon, new board members were elected to replace those whose terms had ended. Richard Randall replaced Legislative Director Paul Tiger. Randall had been acting as an assistant to Tiger, so he came to the convention prepared to continue ongoing legislative efforts while implementing some plans of his own. Samantha Kelly replaced Records Director Bo Shaffer. Kelly had been assisting Shaffer in managing the LPCO database, so she could also step into the job with little disruption. Fundraising Director Michele Poague's term ended, and the position is currently vacant. If you are interested in applying for this Board position, please contact Bud Martin at budm303@yahoo.com.



Coffee Klatch Discussions

Do You Want More Freedom? You Can Do It!

We're working hard to create a more Libertarian society, but we need your help

The number one thing you can do is register to vote as a Libertarian. You can ask friends and family to register as Libertarian too.

You can volunteer to help with outreach and mailings. It's a great way to share ideas with like-minded people.

You can write letters to the editor of your local paper supporting libertarian ideas. Many small papers love to receive letters from the community.

You can run for office. If you don't think you have the skills, attend one of the Party's training seminars. We will teach you everything you need to know.

You can become a dues paying member of the Libertarian Party. Your \$25 membership includes National and State dues.

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